



# SPARKS

**Grand Rapids Y Service Club  
Y Service clubs International  
Mid East Region  
October 22, 2011**

## OUR MISSION

As Y's Men International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, in partnership with and supporting the YMCA, its mission is to strive through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all humankind.

## CLUB OFFICERS

**Pres:** John Duiven  
**Secretary:** Neil Topliffe  
**Treasurer:** Bob Smith  
**Asst. Treas:** Tom Johnson  
**Chaplin:** Neil Topliffe

## BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Radtke  
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Dan Miller  
Alex Kassel  
John Lang  
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Pres. Elect: Pete Chadwick

## ACTIVITY CHAIRS

**Run Thru the Rapids:**  
Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie  
**Santa Claus Girls:**  
Bob Smith  
**White Elephant Sale:**  
Gregory Winer, Chair  
**Sparks Editor:**  
Loyd E. Winer

The meeting was called to order by President John Duiven. Don McWatters gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were introduced: Don Swyun from the Camp and Chandra Pierson who was recognized for all of her help from the Y's financial staff.

Grateful Dollars were given for the MSU Win.

### Business:

- New member sponsor recognition was won by Bob Smith. There were 10 new members last year. Keep up the good work.
- Kent and Syd reported on the Run. Less than 500 participated, with only one complaint (don't cut the bananas). They reported that the Bank of Holland will be the sponsor for the next three years with a gift of \$5000/yr.
- Club business: The Board approved a motion to move forward on a **GRYMCA Service Club Endowment Fund** to benefit the Camp. A hand out on the subject was passed out and the members were asked to consider the recommendation. At the next meeting discussions on the subject will be had. It then will be which will be subject to a vote in the future.

### Program;

Greg Dodd Camp Manitou-lin Camp director was introduced. He gave us an update on the camp. They are working with children that have ADHD. Other special needs group in a day camp. They teach children based on principals and practice. They had 2000± this year. There were 630 overnight and 1405 in day camps. He described the Strong Kids Campaign Scholarship. Then other programs brought in 400 night and 600 day for a total of 3000± for the year. He reported on the Gates Scholarship and it recipient. They had the highest number of retreats in a number of years. They continue to try and improve and have different type of events. It was noted that 2012 will be the 100 anniversary of the camp.

### **Did you know?**

Y's Men International is working on "Roll Back Malaria" program.

There are 300 to 500 cases of Malaria in the world with 3 million deaths a year.

Y's Men International also served Japan after the earthquake and tsunami with their "Gambare Nippon" campaign to fund support for the relief effort.

### **Thought for the day:**

"Treat a person as he is, and he will remain as he is. Treat him as he could be, and he will become what he should be."

*Jimmy Johnson  
Former football coach*

### **Next Meetings**

**Nov. 3, 2011  
Jonathon Bradford  
CEO of  
The Intercity  
Christian Federation**

Don McWatters, on behalf of the club thanked Greg and Don Swyun for all they do for the camp.

Closing prayer was given.

### **Meeting Prayers**

Chaplin Neil Topliffe still needs volunteers for the Invocation and Benediction for the year 2012.

To volunteer call Neil at 616-447-2941 or  
Email at [ntopliffe@comcast.net](mailto:ntopliffe@comcast.net)

If you have anything I can put in the Sparks email me the information. I will be happy to include the information.

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"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another (brother/sisterly) affection; outdo one another in showing honor."  
Romans 12:9-10